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**General Concept**

- Increase awareness (PR, Epidemiology)
- Ask simple questions leading to the diagnosis
- Measure simple lung function
- Allergy (including diagnostic tests)

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**Key Messages**

- **In all countries, CRD are underdiagnosed**
- **There is a need for early CRD diagnosis in order to reduce severe disease and disability**
- **Low cost and effective spirometry should be optimally accessible to all**

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Terms of Reference

- To reduce under-diagnosis of CRD patients
- To make early diagnosis of CRD patients
- To accelerate dissemination, accessibility and affordability of proper diagnostic tools for all CRD patients
- To develop training programs for the appropriate indication, use and interpretation of diagnostic tests.

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**Patients expect from GARD that chronic respiratory diseases are recognised at an early phase to introduce early management.**

**John Walsh**

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**Focus**

- COPD, Asthma, Allergy
- NOT another guideline
- Implementation / Education
- Primary Care
- Developing Countries

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**Procedural Issues**

- Composition (developing countries....)
- Definition of Tasks
- Meeting Forum – Support (...members..?)
- Agreeing on Principles

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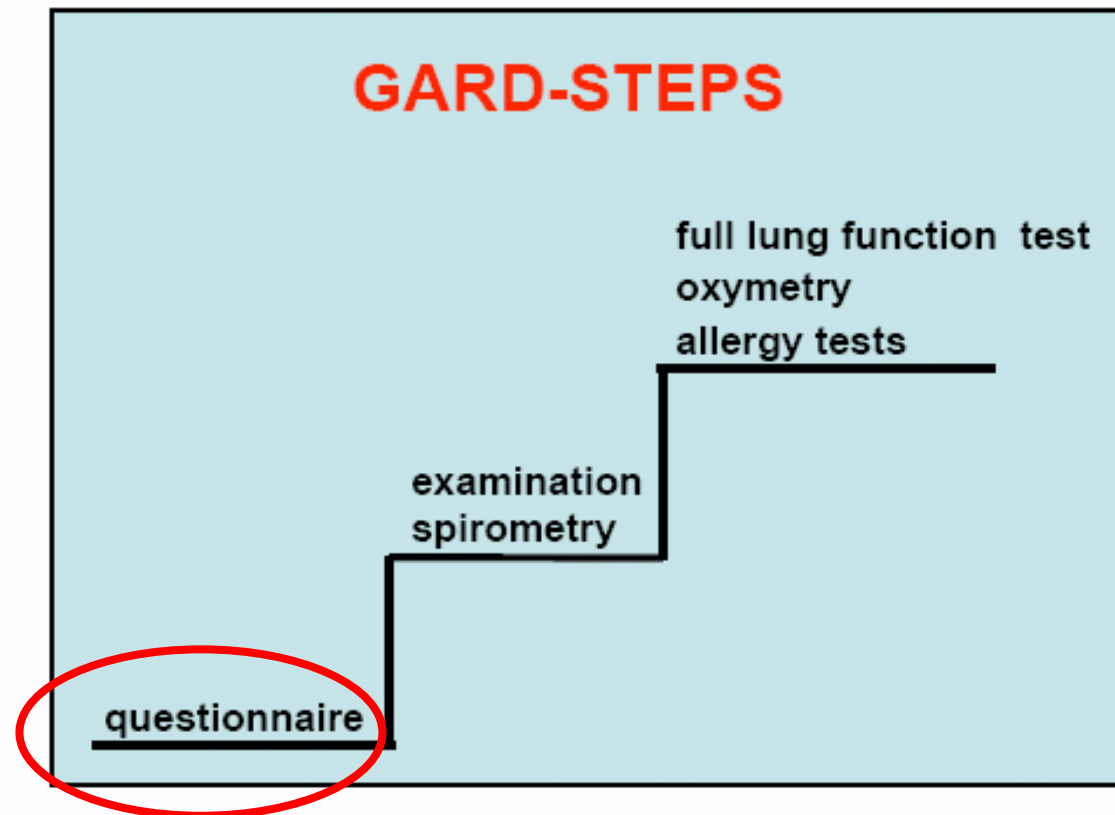
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- Assessment of Severity...
- Spirometry - Fixed Ratio
- Allergy Tests...
- Treatment options

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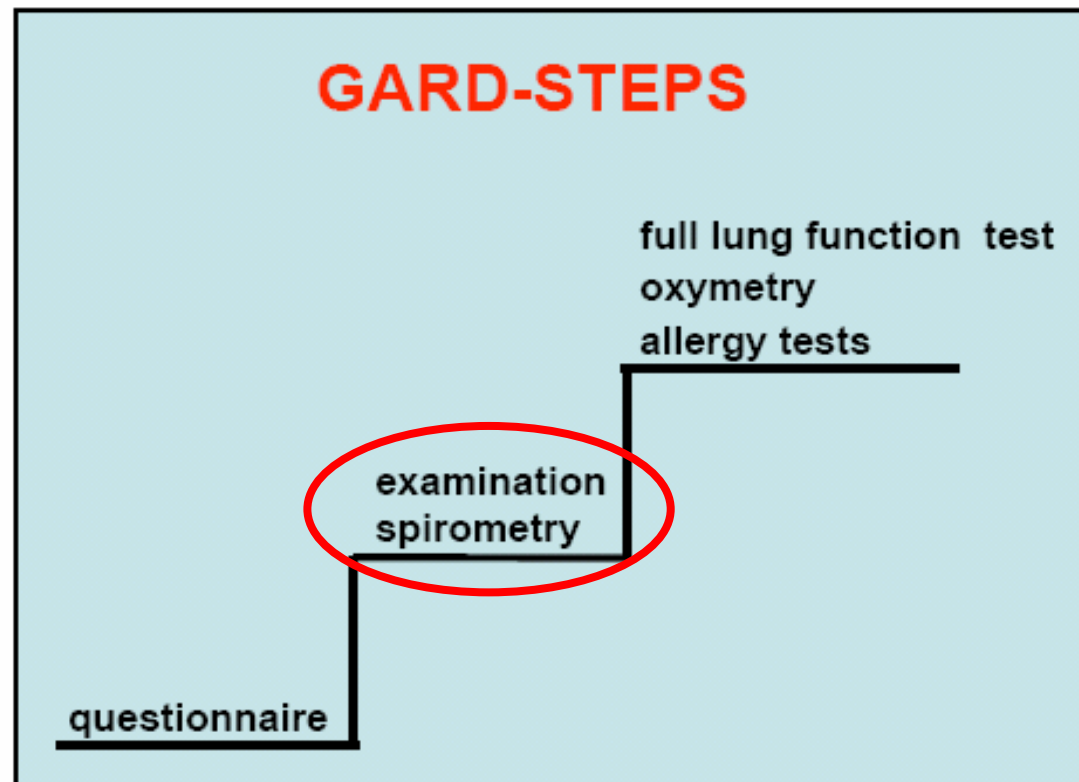
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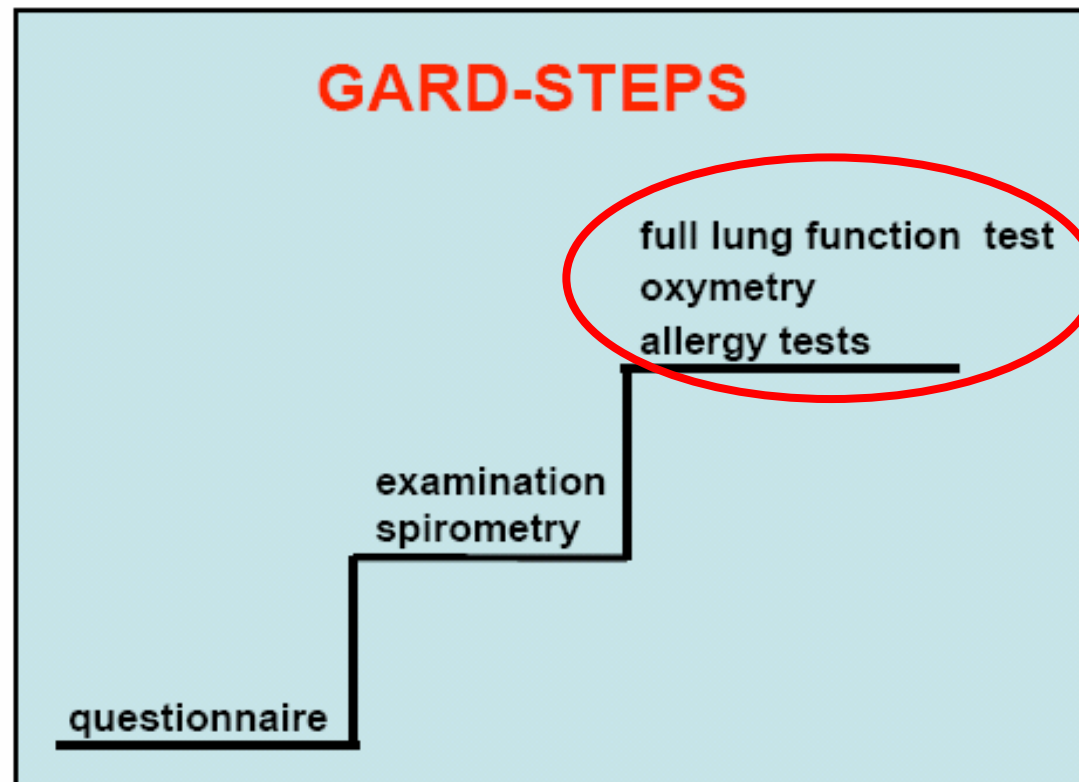
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#### Immediate Aims

- Make (and publish) a list of “Essential Diagnostic Tools”
- Assess Availability of these tools
- Agree on SOP's

